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1. Hall (fwi), an agent for the Anglo-Iranian oil company, is in Austria negotiating with Hütte Liezen GmbH and Schoeller-Bleckmann Stahlwerke for the purchase of 50,000 tons of special fine steel for the manufacture of seamless oil pipe. The Anglo-Iranian oil company is to compensate the Austrian steel mills by shipping crude oil from Abadan, Iran, to refineries in Italy, from where the refined oil and gasoline is to be sent to Austria. The Austrian steel is to be sent to an unidentified Italian pipe mill for processing, prior to shipment to Abadan.

2. The sales organization of Stequa Romana is leased by the Anglo-Iranian oil company.

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3. The Swiss firm Anet*, acting as an intermediary for the purchase of seamless pipe for the Anglo-Iranian oil company through Italy, has been authorized to offer Alpine Montan, Donawitz, Styria, and Vereinigte Oesterreichische Stahlwerke, Linz, Upper Austria, 28.1 English pounds per ton for steel. This would bring the cost of the pipe to 53 English pounds per ton c.i.f. Dalmine works** Milan. However, so far, Anet has offered on 23.1 pounds per ton to the Austrian plants.
4. Four representatives of an unidentified Italian pipe factory*** are in Vienna negotiating with USIA (Administration of Soviet Property in Austria) for the sale of seamless pipe.
5. Alfons Weber, an agent for the firm Egon von Terssch, Zammergasse 3, Vienna III, is in contact with an Antwerp firm which is reported to be in a position to purchase seamless pipe from Germany. If the negotiations are successful, the pipe is to be bought and paid for by Poland and shipped via Szczecin (Stettin) to the Eistersdorf or Matzen oil fields in Austria. USIA is offering \$290 per ton for the finished pipe and is willing to pay the shipping costs.

[REDACTED] Comment: Possibly Anetco A.G., Import u. Export, Stadelhoferstrasse 40, Zürich.

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** [REDACTED] Probably Dalmine S.A., Corso Matteotti 2, Milan.

*** [REDACTED] This firm is probably the Dalmine company, Milan.

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